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SUBJECT: COGNAC AND ARTICLE XXIV:6

1. IN MEETING WITH STR REP LANDE AND EMBOFF, COLLIN,
CHIEF MULTILATERAL SECTION DREE, SAID GOF AGREEABLE TO
\$17 PRICE BREAK FOR COGNAC UNDER FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
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A) THE AGREED MINUTES OF UNDERSTANDING MAKE NO MENTION

OF TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND REFER ONLY TO "INTERIM" UNDERSTANDING; B) THAT USG AGREE TO REVIEW PRICE BREAK IN DECEMBER 1974, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRICE INCREASES OF COGNAC DURING CY 74; AND C) THAT UNDERSTANDING BE FORMALIZED THROUGH SIGNED LETTER FROM USG.

2. DURING CONVERSATION COLLIN STATED THERE WAS NO ASSURANCE THAT USG WOULD NOT PUT PRICE BREAK BACK TO \$9 AT END OF INTERIM PERIOD IN THE EVENT THAT MTN NOT HELD AND GENERAL CHICKEN WAR PROBLEMS NOT RESOLVED. LANDE INDICATED WE WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH AN ASSURANCE NOR WERE WE ABLE TO PROVIDE SIGNED STATEMENT RE COMMITMENT. COLLIN APPEARED TO ACCEPT THESE RESERVATIONS, BUT INDICATED HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH OTHER GOF OFFICIALS.

3. WE HAVE DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR AGREED MINUTE OF UNDERSTANDING: "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS WILLING IN DECEMBER TO REVIEW THE PRICE BREAK TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRICE INCREASE OF FRENCH COGNAC. THIS REVIEW WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PRICE BREAK CONTINUES TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR THE REGULAR THREE-STAR TRADE AS IS PROVIDED NOW BY THE INTERIM INCREASE TO \$L7."

4. STATEMENT WAS READ TO COLLIN AND MINOR CHANGES, REFLECTED ABOVE, WERE MADE. COLLIN MET WITH OTHER GOF OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. HE INFORMED US FEW MINUTES AGO THAT OUR PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTABLE.
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